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SUBJECT: CANADIAN VIEWS ON GATT STATUS OF EEC- EFTA ARRANGEMENT

OUR CANVASS AT TOP WORKING LEVEL OF MINISTRIES CONCERNED
(EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FINANCE, AND INDUSTRY, TRADE &
COMMERCE) REVEALED CANADIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT GIVEN
MUCH THOUGHT TO GATT LEGAL ASPECTS OF EEC- EFTA
ARRANGEMENT. SOURCES, WHO QUALIFY REMARKS AS PERSONAL
VIEWS, SAID IT UNLIKELY THAT GOC WOULD PRESS LEGAL
ASPECTS OF MATTER AS SUCH, AND THOUGHT PREFERENCE
WOULD BE FOR PRAGMATIC APPROACH, PERHAPS SEEKING USE
LEGAL POINT AS LEVER FOR DEAL IN, FOR EXAMPLE,
ALUMINUM OR FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR. ONE SOURCE
REMARKED THAT PAST RECORD IN GATT OF OPPOSITION TO FREE
TRADE AREA ARRANGEMENTS ON LEGAL GROUNDS AFFORDS LITTLE
GROUND FOR BELIEF THAT PRESSING LEGAL ASPECTS WOULD BE
EFFECTIVE RE EEC- EFTA ARRANGEMENT.
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